

# Chapter 2

## Summary Report

### Introduction

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### A. Report Purpose

This balance of this report documents the activities completed as part of the Stevens Creek Basin Initiative (SCBI) planning process. The report covers events occurring from the initiation of this planning process in April 2000, through the completion of the work of the Stevens Creek Basin Initiative Task Force in March 2001.

The purpose of the Stevens Creek Basin Planning Initiative has been to formulate a *conceptual plan* to address the environmental, land use, transportation, utility, service and other developmental considerations regarding the future urban and rural characteristics of the Stevens Creek Drainage Basin. The Initiative began as a result of an amendment to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan by the Lincoln City Council and the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners in 1999.

The Stevens Creek Basin Initiative has resulted in the formulation of a series of Planning Guidelines -- shown earlier in this report -- that address ten major topical areas. These Guidelines are designed to articulate a conceptual plan for the near and long term future of the Stevens Creek Basin. The Planning Guidelines will be utilized by the Comprehensive Plan Committee (CPC) to develop a more refined plan for the Stevens Creek Basin as part of a new City-County Comprehensive Plan. This latter process is presently underway and is anticipated to result in an draft Plan by the end of calendar year 2001.

### B. Study Area Delineation

The Stevens Creek Basin is located immediately east of the City of Lincoln's existing municipal limits. As illustrated in Figure 1, the primary study area for the Stevens Creek Basin Initiative encompassed the approximately 54 square miles area form by the Basin's watershed. From the headwaters of Stevens Creek, near Nebraska Highway 2 to its confluence with Salt Creek, the Basin is approximately 15 miles in length. The width of the Basin, from 84<sup>th</sup> to it widest point in the vicinity of 176<sup>th</sup> and A Streets is approximately 6 miles.



A Secondary Study Area was also identified for analysis. This area was bounded by 56<sup>th</sup> Street and 190<sup>th</sup> Street and between Bennet Road and Bluff Road. The purpose of the Secondary Study Area was to include a larger geographic region where a number of urban and rural issues could be further examined to determine relationships with the Stevens Creek Drainage Basin.

Figure 1

